



Chapter: Traffic Enforcement and Crash Investigation
Subject: 06-20 – School Bus Enforcement
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Distribution: Department Members

PURPOSE: This Order establishes department policy for the enforcement of laws related to the operation of school buses.

The operation of school buses is regulated by the [Pupil Transportation Act](#) and the [Michigan Vehicle Code](#).

06-20-1 SCHOOL BUS INSPECTIONS

- A. All school buses shall have one of the following affixed to the driver's window:
 - (1) A current valid vehicle inspection sticker.
 - (2) A yellow sticker advising "This bus has equipment defects."
 - (3) A red sticker advising "This vehicle may not be driven in the transportation of any pupil. Use of this vehicle to transport pupils is in violation of the law. Do not remove without State Police authorization."
- B. An enforcement member observing a school bus with a red sticker issued by the department affixed to the windshield and transporting pupils shall stop the school bus and take appropriate enforcement action. An enforcement member observing a school bus with a yellow sticker or without any sticker shall obtain all pertinent information and forward it to the Bus Inspection Unit commander at the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) Headquarters for follow-up.
- C. When stopping a person who is driving a school bus, enforcement members shall examine both the driver's "School Bus Safety Education Course (or enrollment) Certificate" (when transporting passengers) pursuant to [MCL 257.1851](#), and a copy of a physician's certificate stating that the driver is physically qualified to drive a school bus, pursuant to [MCL 257.1853](#).

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